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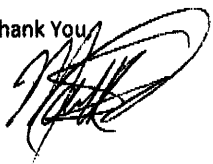
RE: Professional Rules of Conduct, Rule 8.4(g)

Honorable Members of the Court,

You have called for public comment of the proposed new Rule 8.4(g) of the Professional Rules of Conduct for Montana Attorney, where an Attorney operating in Montana could lose their position for exercising their First Amendment right as Guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, which is stated as 'Congress shall make No Law respecting the establishment of religion, OR Prohibiting the Free Exercise thereof; or Abridging the Freedom of Speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.'

As a concerned citizen I oppose this rule on the basis that it not only violates the First Amendment Right by PROHIBITING 'the Free exercise' of Religion by limiting the scope & language of one's Religious views, it also is violating ones right limiting 'Freedom of Speech' to be narrowly defined by a few who are interested in 'silencing' the voice of those who oppose their view.

Thank You



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